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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-5

Protective housing for a fibre optic cable and junction box

2. claims: 6-13

A foldable like a book housing for a junction box suitable for insertion into a casing installed within a circular hole cut into a surface.

3. claims: 14-16

A method of fabricating and installing within a surface a pre-assembled cable system
